

HOUSE BILL No. 1265

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-15-1.8-7; IC 16-18-2; IC 16-47.

Synopsis: Bulk purchasing of prescription drugs. Requires the state personnel department to establish a bulk prescription drug purchasing program to negotiate terms related to the purchase of prescription drugs. Requires participation by certain entities and allows participation by other certain entities. Authorizes the state to enter into multi-state prescription drug bulk purchasing agreements. Requires the budget agency to report to the budget committee on participation in a regional or multi-state prescription drug bulk purchasing program.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 15, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-15-1.8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2003,
- 2 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall do the following:
- 4 (1) Develop personnel policies, methods, procedures, and
- 5 standards for all state agencies.
- 6 (2) Formulate, establish, and administer position classification
- 7 plans and salary and wage schedules, all subject to final approval
- 8 by the governor.
- 9 (3) Allocate positions in the state agencies to their proper
- 10 classifications.
- 11 (4) Approve employees for transfer, demotion, promotion,
- 12 suspension, layoff, and dismissal.
- 13 (5) Rate employees' service.
- 14 (6) Arrange with state agency heads for employee training.
- 15 (7) Investigate the need for positions in the state agencies.
- 16 (8) Promulgate and enforce personnel rules.
- 17 (9) Make and administer examinations for employment and for

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promotions.

(10) Maintain personnel records and a roster of the personnel of all state agencies.

(11) Render personnel services to the political subdivisions of ~~Indiana~~ the state.

(12) Investigate the operation of personnel policies in all state agencies.

(13) Assist state agencies in the improvement of their personnel procedures.

(14) Conduct a vigorous program of recruitment of qualified and able persons for the state agencies.

(15) Advise the governor and the general assembly of legislation needed to improve the personnel system of this state.

(16) Furnish any information and counsel requested by the governor or the general assembly.

(17) Establish and administer an employee training and career advancement program.

(18) Administer the state personnel law, IC 4-15-2.

(19) Institute an employee awards system designed to encourage all state employees to submit suggestions that will reduce the costs or improve the quality of state agencies.

(20) Survey the administrative organization and procedures, including personnel procedures, of all state agencies, and submit to the governor measures to secure greater efficiency and economy, to minimize the duplication of activities, and to effect better organization and procedures among state agencies.

(21) Establish, implement, and maintain the state bulk prescription drug purchasing program established under IC 16-47-1.

(b) Salary and wage schedules established by the department under subsection (a) must provide for the establishment of overtime policies, which must include the following:

(1) Definition of overtime.

(2) Determination of employees or classes eligible for overtime pay.

(3) Procedures for authorization.

(4) Methods of computation.

(5) Procedures for payment.

(6) A provision that there shall be no mandatory adjustments to an employee's established work schedule in order to avoid the payment of overtime.

(c) The state personnel advisory board shall advise the director and

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cooperate in the improvement of all the personnel policies of the state.

(d) ~~By January 1, 1984,~~ The department shall establish programs of temporary appointment for employees of state agencies. A program established under this subsection must contain at least the following provisions:

(1) A temporary appointment may not exceed one hundred eighty (180) working days in any twelve (12) month period.

(2) The department may allow exceptions to the prohibition in subdivision (1) with the approval of the state budget agency.

(3) A temporary appointment in an agency covered by IC 4-15-2 is governed by the procedures of that chapter.

(4) A temporary appointment does not constitute creditable service for purposes of the public employees' retirement program under IC 5-10.2 and IC 5-10.3. However, an employee who served in an intermittent form of temporary employment after June 30, 1986, and before July 1, 2003, shall receive creditable service for the period of temporary employment.

SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-92.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 92.6. "Department", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-47-1-1.**

SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-159.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 159.1. "Health benefit plan", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-47-1-2.**

SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-294.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 294.5. "Program", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-47-1-3.**

SECTION 5. IC 16-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]:

ARTICLE 47. BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Chapter 1. State Bulk Prescription Drug Purchasing Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the state personnel department.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "health benefit plan" refers to the following:

(1) An accident and sickness insurance policy purchased or maintained under IC 5-10-8-7(a)(3).

(2) A self-insurance program established under IC 5-10-8-7(b)

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to provide group health coverage.

(3) A contract with a prepaid health care delivery plan that is entered into or renewed under IC 5-10-8-7(c).

(4) A plan through which a state educational institution (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1) arranges for coverage of the cost of health care services (as defined in IC 27-13-1-18) provided to employees of the state educational institution.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the bulk prescription drug purchasing program established under this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) The department shall establish, implement, and maintain a bulk prescription drug purchasing program through which terms are negotiated related to the purchase of prescription drugs by:

(1) an entity described in section 5(a) or 5(b) of this chapter; or

(2) an individual who is covered under a health benefit plan that includes a prescription drug benefit.

(b) The department may contract with a pharmacy benefit manager or other person to conduct the negotiations of the program established under subsection (a).

Sec. 5. (a) The following shall participate in the program:

(1) The department, for a health benefit plan:

(A) described in section 2(1), 2(2), or 2(3) of this chapter; and

(B) that provides coverage for prescription drugs.

(2) A state educational institution, for a health benefit plan:

(A) described in section 2(4) of this chapter; and

(B) that provides coverage for prescription drugs;

unless the budget agency determines that the state educational institution's participation in the program would not result in an overall financial benefit.

(b) The following may participate in the program:

(1) A state agency other than the department that:

(A) purchases prescription drugs; or

(B) arranges for the payment of the cost of prescription drugs.

(2) A local unit (as defined in IC 5-10-8-1).

(3) The Indiana comprehensive health insurance association established under IC 27-8-10.

(4) The state Medicaid program under IC 12-15.

Sec. 6. A request for proposal and the award of a contract under

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1 this chapter is subject to the approval of the budget agency.

2 Sec. 7. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
3 implement this chapter.

4 **Chapter 2. Multi-State Prescription Drug Bulk Purchasing**
5 **Program**

6 Sec. 1. The state may enter into agreements with other states to
7 jointly purchase prescription drugs in bulk or provide for
8 reimbursement of the cost of prescription drugs purchased in bulk
9 to reduce the prescription drug costs for the state and for Indiana
10 residents.

11 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) IC 16-47-1-5(a)(1),
12 as added by this act, applies to a health benefit plan described in
13 IC 16-47-1-2(1), IC 16-47-1-2(2), and IC 16-47-1-2(3), all as added
14 by this act, on the earlier of:

15 (1) the date that the health benefit plan is established, entered
16 into, delivered, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2004; or

17 (2) January 1, 2005.

18 (b) IC 16-47-1-5(a)(2), as added by this act, applies to a health
19 benefit plan described in IC 16-47-1-2(4), as added by this act, on
20 the date that the health benefit plan is established, entered into,
21 delivered, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2004.

22 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) Not later than
23 November 1, 2004, the budget agency shall conduct a study and
24 submit a written report to the budget committee that:

25 (1) sets forth the status of the participation of other
26 midwestern states; and

27 (2) researches the feasibility of Indiana's participation;
28 in a regional or multi-state prescription drug bulk purchasing
29 program.

30 (b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2005.

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